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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-29, 31-32, 34-43, 47-80 and 83-86 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' rights to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application. Please amend claims 30, 33 and 46 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as follows. A marked up version of the amended claims wherein the deleted material is in brackets and the inserted material is underlined is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

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(Amended) A vaccine which comprises a therapeutically effective amount of the protein encoded by a nucleic acid which comprises a nucleotide segment having a sequence encoding a complex comprising a viral surface protein and

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